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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR LABOR LEADER EXCHANGE VISIT TO TUNISIA

REF: STATE A-230

1. POST PROPOSES THAT A LABOR LEADER/SPECIALIST EXCHANGE VISIT BE ORGANIZED FOR TUNISIA THIS FISCAL YEAR. WITH A FOCUS ON MEDIATION OF LABOR DISPUTES, WE BELIEVE THAT A TEAM OF AMERICAN EXPERTS WOULD BE WELCOME TO THE GOT AND SERVE AS A TIMELY TECHNICAL AID IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TUNISIAN MEDIATION SERVICE.

2. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD INCLUDE A LABOR LEADER, A PRIVATE MEDIATOR OR ATTORNEY WITH EXPERTISE IN LABOR DISPUTES, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE, AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. DURING A TWO-WEEK VISIT THIS TEAM COULD HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR GOT OFFICIALS, FAMILIARIZE ITSELF WITH LABOR PROBLEMS IN TUNISIA, AND HOLD SEMINARS WITH GOT MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN TAPPED TO FORM THE TUNISIAN MEDIATION SERVICE. CONSIDERING HIGH PRIORITY GOT HAS GIVEN TO RESOLVING PROBLEM OF WILDCAT STRIKES IN TUNISIA, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TEAM WILL HAVE GREAT IMPACT.

3. GOT OFFICIALS WHO WILL DEAL DIRECTLY WITH TEAM ARE LIKELY TO UNDERSTAND ONLY ARABIC AND FRENCH. TEAM MUST

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INCLUDE FRENCH SPEAKERS OR AN INTERPRETER.

4. THIS POST HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF THIS TYPE AND WOULD REQUIRE DEPARTMENT TO ASSUME COST OF PROGRAM UNDER REGIONAL FUNDS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF DEPARTMENT CAN ARRANGE EXCHANGE ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN THIS CABLE. PROGRAM WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF SCHEDULED BEFORE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN GOT WORKS HALF-DAYS ONLY.  
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